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SUBJECT:IFI PROJECT SITE VISITS BYTREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION

GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

1. TENTATIVE PLANS FORESEE POSSIBLE PROJECT-VISIT TRIP TO

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LATIN AMERICA FOLLOWING IDB ANNUAL MEETING IN SANTO DOMINGO,
MAY 19-21.

2. WITH INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS PLAYING AN INCREASING PART IN CHANNELING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IN VIEW SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDING BEING REQUESTED FROM CONGRESS, PROJECT-VISIT TRIPS ARE PART OF BROAD EFFORT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO GAIN DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF SUCCESSFUL LOAN PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (IFIS). TRIP IS PART OF OVER-ALL EXECUTIVE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITH CONGRESS AS MEMBERS OF KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR IFI LEGISLATION WILL BE ON U.S.

DELEGATION TO IDB ANNUAL MEETING.

3. ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY FOR A VISIT TO COLOMBIA, AND PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO HONDURAS (SAN PEDRO SULA) ON OR ABOU MAY 24, AND TO GUAMALA MAY 25-26.

4. THE GROUP WILL BE FLYING ON A CHARTERED 707, AND MAY HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 40 PEOPLE WISHING TO VISIT THE PROJECT SITES. OF THESE, WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE WILL BE 10 TO 25 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

5. FOR TEGUCIGALPA: INFORMATION HERE SUGGESTS DELEGATION MIGHT SEE PROJECTS RELATED TO RECONSTRUCTION FOLLOWING THE FLOODS IN SAN PEDRO SULA AREA, INCLUDING WATER AND SEWERAGE LOAN (FSO NO. 356, 1973 - 1.2 MILLION DOLS.) OR perhaps ONE OR TWO OTHER IDB/WORLD BANK PROJECTS INVOLVING ROADS, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND/OR SMALL INDUSTRY.

6. FOR GUATEMALA: (A) INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE SUGGESTS DELEGATION MIGHT VISIT THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: (1) WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE (FSO NO. 243, 1969 - 15 MILLION DOLS.)

AND WATER SUPPLY (FSO NO. 319, 1971 - 2.6 MILLION DOLS.);
(2) TRANSPORTATION (FSO NO. 294, 1971 - 6.6 MILLION DOLS.);
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(3) EDUCATION (FSO NO. 383, 1973 - 9.3 MILLION DOLS.).

(B) RE POTENTIAL SECURITY PROBLEMS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON POSSIBLE THREAT AND AVAILABILITY OF PROTECTION.

7. (A) EMBASSY ACTION REQUESTED: (1) COMMENT ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SUCH A VISIT, AND OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS; (2) APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR TENTATIVE CONCURRENCE.

RENCE ON THE VISITS; (3) MAKE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF AVAILABILITY OF LAND TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS IN SAN PEDRO AND GUATEMALA CITY, WITH EXPENSES PAID BY TREASURY; (4) CONSULT WITH IDB RESIDENT REPS.; (5) SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE VISITS TO PROJECTS FINANCED BY IDB, IBRD, OR CABEI, KEEPING IN MIND ACCESSIBILITY OF PROJECT SITES, AND AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PROJECT MANAGERS AND RESIDENT REPS TO CONDUCT BRIEFINGS AND VISITS. A MIX OF SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PROJECTS AND ONES SUBSANTIALL UNDERWAY IS DESIRABLE; (6)

PLEASE INCLUDE IN REILY IF CT WISHES TO BRIEF GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IFI PROGRAMS AND ON-GOING AID/OTHER U.S. PROGRAMS.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY COB 10 APRIL YOUR INITIAL INFORMATION ON ALL THE ABOVE, AND ANY PROBLEMS YOU FORESEE.

9. PLEASE SLUG ALL RESPONSES FOR TREASURY FOR ZINMAN/LOHMANN. INGERSOLL

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